Drug Addiction Among Street Children

2660. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA :
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether a study funded by the United Nations under the Drugs Control Programme has shown an increase in the addiction habit among the street children of metropolitan cities of the country

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken to tackle the problem?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) and (b) A Study on Reducing Risk Behaviour relating to HIV/AIDs/STD and Drug Abuse amongst street children is being jointly supported by United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), UNICEF, WHO, UNAIDs, National Aids Control Organisation (NACO), Ministry of Health, Overseas Development Agency (ODA) and the Ministry of Welfare. The Study has been conducted in Four cities of the country viz. Mumbai, Calcutta, Delhi and Hyderabad. The Report has observed that drug abuse is wide spread and increasing amongst street children. Accessible and cheap drugs such as Solvents, Alcohol, Tobacco and Cannabis are mostly abused by these children. No firm statistics are available in the report as to the number of the street children addicted to drugs.

(c) Based upon the observations and recommendations made in the Study, City Level Workshops have been undertaken in Mumbai (4-5 Nov.'96), Calcutta (7-9 Nov.'96), Delhi (12-13 Nov.'96) and Hyderabad (3-4 December '96).

The objectives of the City Level Workshop is to undertake Pilot Projects for reducing risk taking behaviour related to Drug Abuse/HIV AIDs/STD amongst street children and prepare a City Level Action Plan for this purpose.

Arsenic Free Drinking Water

2669. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Japan Government have agreed to invest about Rs. 350 crore in a joint project with the Government of West Bengal to solve the problem of supplying arsenic free drinking water; and

(b) if so, the progress of implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) A project entitled "Emergency Water Supply in parts of arsenic affected areas of North-24 Parganas District" was proposed by the Government of West Bengal to the Japan International Corporation of Welfare Services Mission, Government of Japan to cover a population of 26 lakhs in 20 Zones by the year 2021. However, the Government of Japan has agreed in principle to finance a part of the project for 9 Zones covering a population of Rs. 8.226 lakhs in 4 blocks namely Habra 1 and 2 and Barasat 1 and 2 by the year 2006 with net demand of water of about 32.95 million litres a day at the cost of Rs. 157.14 crores. Steps have been initiated by the Government for finalisation of the agreement.

Chlorinated Pesticides

2670. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the India is still manufacturing and using the most notorious chlorinated pesticide phased out in rest of the world; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) Different countries ban/restrict or phase out the use of certain pesticides including Chlorinated Pesticides for different reasons such as negative health effects, non acceptability of such pesticides due to climatic conditions peculiar to a country, emergence of pest resistance to pesticides etc. In India import, manufacture, sale, transport, distribution and use of insecticides is regulated under Insecticides Act, 1968 and the rules made thereunder. The Registration Committee constituted under the Act register the pesticides after satisfying itself with regard to various parameters of chemistry, bio-efficacy, toxicity, residue, packaging, labeling etc. Insecticides Act, 1968 and the rules framed thereunder are adminstered by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Technology Mission on Oilseeds

2671. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Technology Mission was launched by the Government in the field of oilseeds;

(b) if so, the States where such technology mission was launched;

(c) the funds provided to State Government for the implementation of mission during the Eighth Plan, State-wise; and

(d) the achievement made in increasing the production of oilseeds after launching the technology mission, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Technology Mission was launched in May 1986. The States included under the Technology Mission were Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. Now the Mission covers 22 states which includes Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Kerala.

(c) Funds placed at the disposal of State Government during Eighth Plan under Oilseed Production Programme (OPP) are given in enclosed Statement-I.

(d) The details are given in the enclosed Statement-II.

STATEMENT-I

Statement Showing the Funds Provided to the State Governments during VIIIth Plan (State-wise)

(Rs. in lakhs)

S No	State	Release				Allocation
		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1	Andhra Pradesh	855.50	1436.55	1452.100	1413.39	1075.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6.75	29.891	28.520	24.10	34.00
3	Assam	149.00	155.743	231.850	165.02	155.00
4	Bihar	158.00	69.12	Nil	97.73	100.00
5	Gujarat	725.50	931.449	500.000	549.45	500.00
6	Haryana	215.00	160.81	Nil	162.50	175.00
7	Himachal Pradesh	30.00	14.46	Nil	29.23	30.00
8	Jammu and Kashmir	41.50	66.397	Nil	Nil	70.00
9	Karnataka	685.00	750.00	715.200	183.38	600.00
10	Kerala	—	—	67.500	132.24	50.00
11	Madhya Pradesh	730.35	1005.849	1379.040	1144.43	1210.00
12	Maharashtra	733.71	985.03	961.520	1032.27	1025.00
13	Manipur	15.00	22.026	8.775	138.26	80.00
14	Meghalaya	6.75	15.825	7.500	6.00	15.00
15	Orissa	315.08	430.747	457.335	444.00	450.00
16	Punjab	128.50	187.500	64.000	7.60	100.00
17	Rajasthan	551.00	820.438	811.890	1332.50	1075.00
18	Sikkim	43.00	55.857	52.723	49.68	50.00
19	Tamilnadu	653.50	1425.00	1337.785	951.17	850.00
20	Tripura	15.47	67.276	11.500	21.09	25.00
21	Uttar Pradesh	459.63	193.24	511.900	730.21	550.00
22	West Bengal	185.17	224.792	225.000	205.00	250.00
	Total	6699.91	9048.00	8824.138	8820.00	8469.00

STATEMENT-II

State wise Comparative Statement Indicating the Production of Oilseeds under the Scheme Launched by Technology Mission

('000 Tonnes)

S.No.	State	1986-87	1995-96
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	1436.3	2897.0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	15.5	—
3	Assam	160.5	158.0
4	Bihar	124.3	140.0
5	Gujarat	1674.1	2163.0
6	Haryana	226.3	898.0
7	Himachal Pradesh	5.3	10.0
8	Jammu and Kashmir	62.6	43.0
9	Karnataka	1256.4	1525.0
10	Kerala	9.4	15.0
11	Madhya Pradesh	1251.6	4906.0

1	2	3	4
12	Maharashtra	838.1	2063.0
13	Manipur	2.9	—
14	Meghalaya	5.5	—
15	Orissa	798.9	323.0
16	Punjab	166.4	266.0
17	Rajasthan	882.6	3069.0
18	Sikkim	11.4	—
19	Tamilnadu	1138.2	2042.0
20	Tripura	4.3	—
21	Uttar Pradesh	916.7	1464.0
22	West Bengal	263.8	550.00
	Others	18.6	84.0
	Total	11269.7	22616.0

Foreign Funds to Militants

2672. SHRI PINAKI MISRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Punjab Militants still thrive on foreign funds" appearing in the Indian Express dated September 29, 1996, and

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent flow of foreign funds in the hands of disruptive forces and liquidate the militant hide-outs in Punjab and elsewhere in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The police and enforcement authorities are alert in detecting hawala transactions in Punjab. A sum of Rs. 25.34 lakhs relating to illegal hawala transactions has been recovered in Punjab during 1996.

The Government is also seized of the threat emanating from the Sikh extremists and their counterparts/sympathisers abroad. 83 militants/ sympathisers/harbourers were apprehended by the security forces during this year upto the month of October. The situation, on the Punjab militancy front, continues to be monitored closely.

Farm Nutrients under Statutory Price Control

2673. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided not to bring back major farm nutrients, potash and complex under the statutory price control;

(b) if so, the details of the decision taken in this regard alongwith its impact on the agriculture production and the fertilizers industry; and

(c) the reaction of the State Governments to the proposed changes in fertilizers pricing policy?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) The price, distribution and movement on all phosphatic and potassic fertilizers (including potash and complexes) were decontrolled with effect from 25th August, 1992. At present, there is no proposal to bring them under Statutory Price Control. Decontrol resulted in rise in prices of these fertilizers and Government of India is giving concession on their sale to the farmers in order to cushion the impact of the rise in their prices.

(c) Urea is sold at a uniform price of Rs. 3320 per tonne throughout the country. Prices of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers being decontrolled, Government of India has no control over their prices. In the case of these decontrolled fertilizers, the State Governments were requested to negotiate prices with the concerned agencies. Accordingly, most of the State Governments have already negotiated and announced the Maximum Retail Prices for Rabi 1996-97.

Home Guards Battalion in Gujarat

2674. SHRI VIJAY PATEL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal for setting up coastal wing Home Guards Battalion in Gujarat is pending for a long period;

(b) whether the Government are proposing for the security of International Border of Gujarat State; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) The question presumably refers to the sanction of additional strength of Border Wing Home Guards for Gujarat. The references received from the State Government in this regard in the past were replied to. A proposal has been received from the State Government recently asking for permission to raise two battalions of Home Guards on the lines of the Border Wing Home Guards. According to the State Government, this will enable them to involve local people effectively in their effort to strengthen coastal security.

Vigilance is being maintained along the international border of Gujarat. Various measures have also been taken in connection with coastal security in the State. These include, inter-alisa, deployment of BSF Water Wing units, setting up of Naval detachments,